

REMARKS

Applicants have canceled claims 1-199 and added new claims 200-229. New claims 200-229 are directed to subject matter that is fully supported and justified by the originally-filed application. No new subject matter has been added.

In the May 23, 2003 Office Action issued in connection with the parent application of this application, various prior art rejections were made in view of Lemmons et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,880,768 either alone or in combination with various other references. Applicants allowed the parent application to go abandoned in favor of this application. Claims 1-199 previously filed in the parent application have been canceled. New claims 200-229 have been added. New claims 200-229 are distinguishable over the references relied upon in the May 23, 2003 Office Action as follows:

Independent claim 200 is distinguishable over these references because none of these references discloses user television equipment comprising the following combination of features: "a digital storage device; a first tuner coupled to said viewing device; a second tuner coupled to said digital storage device; and an interactive television program guide implemented on said user television equipment,

said interactive television program guide configured to:
cause said viewing device to display a program guide display;
receive a user selection to watch a first television program
indicated on said program guide display; receive a user
selection to record a second television program indicated on
said program guide display; cause said first tuner to tune to
a channel corresponding to said first television program in
order to cause said first television program to be displayed
by said viewing device; and cause said second tuner to tune
to a channel corresponding to said second television program
in order to cause said second television program to be recorded
by said digital storage device, wherein broadcast times of
said first television program and said second television
program overlap such that said first television program is
displayed by said viewing device at the same time that said
second television program is recorded by said digital storage
device." Similar distinguishing features are defined by
independent claims 210 and 220. Claims 201-209, 211-219,
and 221-229, which depend either directly or indirectly from
independent claims 200, 210, and 220, are distinguishable
over the references of record at least because independent
claims 200, 210, and 220 are distinguishable over the
references of record.

Dependent claim 201 is further distinguishable over these references because none of these references discloses user television equipment in which the "interactive television program guide is further configured to use said second tuner to perform a function other than program recording." Similar distinguishing features are defined by dependent claims 211 and 221.

Dependent claim 202 is further distinguishable over because none of these references discloses user television equipment in which the interactive television program guide is configured to use said second tuner to perform a function other than program recording, wherein the function is "selected from the group consisting of providing a picture-in-picture signal, collecting program guide data, browsing the Internet, and playing a music channel." Similar distinguishing features are defined by dependent claims 212 and 222.

Dependent claim 203 is further distinguishable over these references because none of these references discloses user television equipment in which the "interactive television program guide is configured to cause said second tuner to tune to said channel corresponding to said second television program when said second television program is

about to begin regardless of whether said second tuner is being used to perform said function other than program recording when said second television program is about to begin." Similar distinguishing features are defined by dependent claims 213 and 223.

Dependent claim 204 is further distinguishable over these references because none of these references discloses user television equipment in which the "interactive television program guide is further configured to cause said viewing device to display an option to cancel recording of said second television program when said second tuner is being used to perform said function other than program recording at the time said second television program is about to begin." Similar distinguishing features are defined by dependent claims 214 and 224.

Dependent claim 205 is further distinguishable over these references because none of these references discloses user television equipment in which the "interactive television program guide is further configured to cause said viewing device to display an option to cancel recording of said second television program when said function other than program recording is initiated during said recording of said second television program." Similar distinguishing features

are defined by dependent claims 215 and 225.

Dependent claim 206 is further distinguishable over these references because none of these references discloses user television equipment in which the user equipment further comprises "switching circuitry having a first input coupled to said first tuner, a second input coupled to said second tuner, a first output coupled to said viewing device, and a second output coupled to said digital storage device, wherein said interactive television program guide is further configured to cause said switching circuitry to dynamically couple said first tuner to said viewing device and to dynamically couple said second tuner to said digital storage device." Similar distinguishing features are defined by dependent claims 216 and 226.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that claims 200-229 are allowable over the references relied upon in the May 23, 2003 Office Action in the parent application for at least the foregoing reasons.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that this application, including claims 200-229, is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, prompt consideration and allowance

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of this application are respectfully requested.

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